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EO 11652 NA TAGS: EAGR, DR

SUB: PROGRESS, REPORT OF ASF OUTBREAK IN D.R.

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- 1. SINCE REFTEL WAS TRANSMITTED THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS HAVE OCCURRED:
- 2. DOMINICAN MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OFFICIALS HAVE INDICATED TO AGATT THAT A PLAN OR PLANS OF ACTION WILL PROBABLY BE DECIDED UPON BY WEDNESDAY (AUGUST 23). SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE MEJIA WILL PRESENT THE PLAN OR PLANS TO PRESIDENT GUZMAN ON THURSDAY. IN VIEW OF THE POTENTIALLY SERIOUS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL IMPACT ANY ERADICATION PLAN COULD HAVE UPON THE NATION, IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT GUZMAN WILL BE IN A POSITION TO RENDER A QUICK DECISION. MOST LIKELY SEVERAL DAYS WILL PASS BEFORE THE CONTENTS OF THE ADOPTED PLAN BECOME FULLY KNOWN.

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3.UN/FAO VET PRESENCE IN D.R. IS NOW DOWN TO ONE. IT IS NOT KNOWN IF FAO HAS ANY PLANS TO SUPPLY ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN NEAR FUTURE.

4. USDA/APHIS TEAM DOWN TO THREE PRESONS. TWO MEMBERS OF THE TEAM ARE CURRENTLY SCHEDULED TO LEAVE ON SEPTEMBER 7. THIS WILL LEAVE ONLY ONE USDA TEAM MEMBER IN THE D.R.

5. GODR HAS NOT YET FORMALLY REQUESTED U.S. ASSISTANCE IN THEIR EFFORTS TO COMBAT AFS.

6. AGATT HAS INFORMALLY ASKED MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE OFFICIALS TO STATE WHAT GODR MAY NEED IN THE WAY OF ASSISTANCE FROM THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IN ORDER TO COMBAT THE DISEASE. OFFICIALS HAVE REPLIED THAT IT IS TOO EARLY FOR THEM TO DETERMINE WHAT ASSISTANCE WILL BE REQUESTED FROM THE U.S. DUE TO THE MAGNITUDE OF THE PROBLEM A FORMAL REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE IS NOT EXPECTED FOR AT LEAST SEVERAL MORE DAYS.

7. AMBASSADOR YOST, IN A MEETING TODAY WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, EXPRESSED TO THE SECRETARY THE DESIRE OF THE USG TO BE AS HELPFUL AS POSSIBLE IN ANY ERADICATION PROGRAM IN CONNECTION WITH CONCERTED EFFORT OF UN/FAO AND DOMINICAN AUTHORITIES.
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